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**PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 7, 2025; 7:00 p.m.; Pleasant Hill Community Center**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660(2)(d)**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Stephen Hammond called the April 7, 2025 board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Vice Chair Drew Gottfried, John Oldham, Rusty Rexius and Jennifer Woodland. Others present were Superintendent Jim Crist, Business Manager Sheri Longobardo, Elementary School Principal Brenna Fairchild, Middle/High School Principal Chris Reiersgaard, Middle School Assistant Principal Caleb Salmond and Board Secretary Kimberly Silbernagel.

Drew Gottfried read the mission statement.

**2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

The audience included Madeline Carlton, Morgan Thomas, Kay Lynn Thomas, N. Thomas, R. Thomas and Mali Howell.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Morgan Thomas addressed the board with concerns about the elementary teacher retirement and the hiring of an instructional coach.
- Mali Howell addressed the board about the hiring of an instructional coach.
- Kay Lynn Thomas addressed the board about the reallocation of FTE (full-time equivalent) from a reading specialist to an instructional coach.

**5. PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITION**

5.1 Students of the Month/Most Improved Students of the Month  
Principal Reiersgaard announced the awards.

**Students of the Month**

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Peyton White
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Zoe Dilts
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Emily Wardle

### **Most Improved Students of the Month**

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Zoe Hartsell
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Gabe VanOrdstrand
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Rene Beltran-Lopez
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Lebruska

### ~~5.2 High School Student Representative Report~~

## **6. BUDGET COMMITTEE APPLICANTS INTERVIEW**

The board interview the applicants for the two open budget committee positions.

- Madeline Carlton – Ms. Carlton is a business owner and a Pleasant Hill homesteader. She has had children in the elementary, middle and high school. Ms. Carlton is the president of the PHES PTO. She serves on the Turf and Track Fundraising Committee and Boosters.
- Morgan Thomas – Mr. Thomas has lived in the Pleasant Hill School District for five years. He is a business owner. He has children in the elementary school and his wife is a teacher. Mr. Thomas is active in the community and has held many youth coaching roles, is on the Babe Ruth board and served on the Site Counsel for Pleasant Hill Elementary.

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Approve March 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2425.209)

***Jennifer Woodland moved to approve 7.1 March 17 Board Meeting Minutes. Drew Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stephen Hammond – Yes, Drew Gottfried – Yes, John Oldham – Yes, Rusty Rexius – Yes, Jennifer Woodland – Yes***

7.2 Accept Quarter 3 – Ending March 31, 2025 Enrollment Report (Exhibit 2425.210)

***John Oldham moved to approve 7.2 Quarter 3 Enrollment Report. Rusty Rexius seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stephen Hammond – Yes, Drew Gottfried – Yes, John Oldham – Yes, Rusty Rexius – Yes, Jennifer Woodland – Yes***

7.3 Accept Quarter 3 – Ending March 31, 2025 Financial Report (Exhibit 2425.211)

***Rusty Rexius moved to approve 7.3 Quarter 3 Financial Report. Jennifer Woodland seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stephen Hammond – Yes, Drew Gottfried – Yes, John Oldham – Yes, Rusty Rexius – Yes, Jennifer Woodland – Yes***

7.4 Approve Budget Committee Members (Resolution 2425.212)

***Rusty Rexius moved to approve 7.4 Budget Committee Members – Madeline Carlton and Morgan Thomas. Drew Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stephen Hammond – Yes, Drew Gottfried – Yes, John Oldham – Yes, Rusty Rexius – Yes, Jennifer Woodland – Yes***

7.5 Approve DEC Guidelines (Resolution 2425.213 and Exhibit 2425.214)  
Superintendent Crist reviewed the DEC Guidelines.

*Jennifer Woodland moved to approve 7.5 DEC Guidelines. Drew Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion passed. Stephen Hammond – Yes, Drew Gottfried – Yes, John Oldham – Yes, Rusty Rexius – Yes, Jennifer Woodland – Yes*

## **8. BOARD DISCUSSION**

### **8.1 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendars (Exhibit 2425.215)**

Superintendent Crist reviewed the two versions of the board meeting calendar for the 2025-26 school year. Version one is a traditional approach. It follows the current meeting calendar with two board meeting a month and three work sessions throughout the year. Version two is a more streamlined approach. It has one meeting a month with September, November and March having a work session to allow for more discussion on strategic matters. Both calendars include the budget process in May and June to facilitate financial planning and approval. The board discussed the pros and cons of each calendar. The consensus was reached that maintaining the current calendar schedule was preferred with the option to make the second meeting of the month an “if needed” meeting to account for unforeseen issues that might arise.

### **8.2 Licensed Staff Appreciation**

Superintendent Crist and the board discussed options for celebrating all staff during the week of Teacher Appreciation. They will have an ice cream social served by the board. Coffee gift cards will be raffled off at each building.

## **9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **9.1 Elementary School Report (Exhibit 2425.216)**

Principal Fairchild presented her report to the board. The average daily attendance for March was 90.90%. Attendance was up 1.55% and illness was down 20% from last month. The character trait of the month for March was accountability. Six teachers are piloting the STAR assessment program. Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) testing is starting. May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. will be the 4<sup>th</sup> grade concert.

### **9.2 Middle School Report (Exhibit 2425.217)**

Assistant Principal Salmond shared his report with the board. The Annual Run 4 Funds event raised \$4,731.62. The average daily attendance for March was 92.22%. There are 26 students signed up for girls' soccer, 9 for boys' soccer and 49 for track and field. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the next Star Student Social will be held. This is an opportunity to reward students with 90% attendance and 15 or fewer tardies.

### **Middle School Students of the Month**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Zoe Harr

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Michelle Hammond-Mendez

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Adellina Scott

### **Most Improved Students of the Month**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Koda Brothers

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mason Manning

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Zain Hamer

## **Citizens of the Month**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Holleigh Farver

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sadie Yamamoto

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jake Caulkins

### **9.3 High School Report (Exhibit 2425.218)**

Principal Reiersgaard provided his report to the board. There was a tie for the winner of Mr. Billie this year. Aaden Kinman and Micah Driessnack. Ethan Bahen was named Mr. Congeniality. The contests raised over \$20,000 for Children's Miracle Network. The Pleasant Hill Booster Auction will be on April 26 at the Oregon National Guard in Springfield. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. You can purchase tickets at [pleasanthillboosters.com](http://pleasanthillboosters.com). The Pleasant Hill Jazz Festival will be held on the Pleasant Hill campus on April 12. The AG/FFA/CTE Annual Plant Sale will be held on May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the greenhouse. The average daily attendance for March was 89.96%.

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

### **10.1 PHSD Literacy Vision for Teaching and Learning (Exhibit 2425.219)**

Superintendent Crist reviewed the draft Pleasant Hill School District Literacy Vision for Teaching and Learning. The draft includes early literacy commitment, foundational principles, instructional priorities, professional development and coaching for educators and vision for the future. This draft has been given to teacher for their review and feedback.

### **10.2 Legislative Accountability Measures (Exhibit 2425.220)**

Superintendent Crist provided a legislative update on House Bill 2009 and Senate Bill 141 to the board. If enacted, this legislation would increase statewide monitoring and intervention, particularly in eighth-grade math proficiency and early grade attendance, and could impose changes similar to those required when ODE intervenes in a district's operations. The district is creating a proactive approach to meet the requirements. They include instructional staffing realignment, enhanced literacy instruction, multi-tiered system of supports model alignment, hiring an instructional coach and ensuring a guaranteed and viable curriculum. By taking this approach the district will be proactively aligning with the proposed legislative direction.

## **11. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

### **11.1 Committee or Community News/Announcements**

There was no news or announcements.

### **11.2 Board Engagement Activities Calendar**

Superintendent Crist reviewed the activities calendar with the board.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Softball coaches Nicki Derrick and Will Shaw introduced themselves as they joined the meeting partway through.

## **13. RECESS REGULAR MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:11 p.m.**

13.1 Executive Session ORS 192.660(2)(d). To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

## **14. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:29 p.m.**

## **15. NEXT MEETING**

Signed: Stephen A. Hammond this 21 day of APRIL, 2025  
Stephen Hammond, Board Chair